Earthquake

Two years ago a terrible earthquake hit the town of Kanahz. At three in the morning the earth began to shake great gaps appeared in the roads and buildings collapsed. Many people were trapped in the ruins. Fierce fires broke out and swept through the town. Rescuers searched frantically to locate survivors and drag them to safety. A news bulletin alerted the world to the disaster as first reports indicated approximately a thousand dead and ten thousand made homeless. Emergency aid, tents, blankets, medicines, poured in from around the world, but Kanahz is extremely remote and the trip from the nearest airport took two to three days There were numerous appeals and charity events to raise money to help the victims of the disaster. Shortly after this, however, news broke of a dreadful scandal. Unscrupulous crooks had stolen a large proportion of the aid and were selling it on the blackmarket!

Eventually it was possible to airlift bulldozers to the site and begin clearing away the rubble. Rebuilding is now underway, but many of the earthquake victims are still living in tents in the surroundmg hills. Already the outside world has begun to forget about the Kanahz tragedy.